(c) and (d) The Government has been pursuing a multi-pronged approach to address the naxal problem on political, security and development fronts in a coordinated manner. The Central Government has taken specific measures to coordinate and supplement the efforts and resources of the naxal affected States on both security and development fronts to meet the challenge posed by the naxal problem.

Infiltration of ISI agents

954. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been infiltrations of ISI agents on the Indo-Pak border;

(b) if so, the number of such persons arrested in 2005-06 in various States including Maharashtra and U.P.; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop infiltration and activities of ISI agents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As per available information, during the period January 1, 2005 to July 20, 2006, 31 ISI backed espionage modules were neutralized in various parts of the country resulting in arrest of 56 espionage agents including 21 Pak resident agents, some of whom had infiltrated through the Indo-Pak Border.

(c) The Government has been pursuing a well coordinated and multipronged approach to tackle the activities of ISI by strengthening the border management to check illegal cross border activities, gearing up the intelligence machinery, close interaction and coordination between different agencies of the Centre and the State Governments for neutralizing plans of militants and ISI/anti national elements, modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system, action against the espionage elements under the Official Secrets Act etc.

Network of Al-Quaida

†955. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that international terrorist outfit Al-Quaida has

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started spreading its network in the country, especially in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this international outfit is being supported by certain local terrorist outfits; and

(d) if so, the names of such outfits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Available inputs do not confirm direct presence of Al-Quaida in the country.

Bases of terrorist organisations

†956. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the bases set up throughout the country by various terrorist organisations like LeT, SIMI, Hizbul Muzahidin etc.;

(b) if so, the action being taken to destroy the same; and

(c) if not, who is responsible for this failure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Central and State security and intelligence agencies continue to focus on busting of such bases. As per available information upto June, 2006, 36 such terrorist modules have been neutralized in different parts of the country.

(c) Does not arise.

Persons deported from other countries

957. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of persons connected with Punjab crisis who have come to India under the extradition agreements;

(b) how many of them have been sentenced or acquitted by the courts;

(c) how many persons are yet to be deported from abroad under the scheme; and

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